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Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw



We will be making the draw for the PTFA Christmas Hamper Raffle next Friday (10th December).

Thank you to everybody who has supported this fundraising project. Your support is greatly appreciated! **If you are yet to return any tickets, please ensure that these are returned to the school on, or before, Tuesday 7th December.** This is because we need a couple of days to check and ensure that every ticket that has been paid for is entered into the draw.



The **hall doors** will open at 1:45pm on each of these days – and entrance will strictly be by ticket only. The performance will start at 2:00pm.

Each child will be given TWO tickets and we are asking everybody who will be attending to take a rapid lateral flow (home) test that day and for them to come to the school with a face covering, which we would be grateful if you could wear throughout the time that you are in school. *Obviously, if you are exempt from wearing a face covering we will respect this.*

Please be aware, if you need to bring a pre-school aged child or baby with you, it is important that they also have a ticket – so you may wish to prioritise any adults who would want to see the performance.

Unless any parents or carers of the children in the performance object, we will be permitting photographs and videos of the performance – so you can share these with your family and friends.

It is vital that any photographs or videos that are taken are for your personal use only and must not be posted on any social media sites or online. Should it come to our attention that anybody has breached this expectation, we will need to restrict and prevent any recording or photographs of any future school events – so we hope all audience members will be very respectful of this request.

If you have a child taking part in this year's nativity play (Hey Ewe!) and do not wish to have your child photographed or filmed whilst they are performing, it is important that you let us know as soon as possible.



Christmas Nativity

Under the current guidance issued to schools, school nativity plays can still go ahead – provided a number of extra measures are put in place.

First of all, the children will now be putting on three performances instead of two. This will enable us to reduce the number of adults in the audience at each performance and space out the seating more – without limiting the number of tickets that we can offer to each family.

Furthermore, we intend to invite the parents and carers of the children in each of the bubbles to watch a specific performance – to limit any 'mixing'. This means that:

- Year 2 and The Fawns parents/carers will be invited to attend the performance on Tuesday 14th December;
- Year 1 parents/carers will be invited to attend the performance on Wednesday 15th December;
- Reception parents/carers will be invited to attend the performance on Thursday 16th December.



School Swimming

It has been great to see the children's joy and excitement at taking part in the daily swimming lessons. They are doing so well and we have been hugely impressed by their enthusiasm and determination to learn how to swim, and perfect the different strokes that they have been taught.

The swimming instructor has also been very impressed by the children's attitude and how much they have progressed within the first week. Hopefully this has helped to improve their self-belief and confidence; as well as their general fitness.

At the beginning of next week we will re-assess the children's swimming ability and determine how much longer we need, to get the children in the older classes (Year 5 and Year 6) to the required standard. If we can open up the opportunity for the children in any of the other classes to swim during the last week that we have the pool (week commencing 13th December), we will let you know as soon as this decision has been made.